

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 20 to further clarify the invention and claims 1, 2, 8, 16, and 20-25 to cure minor informalities and for consistency.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous in-person interview on September 4, 2008. An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was given to the Applicant's Representative after the Interview. The PTO-413 requires the Applicant to file a Statement of Substance of the Interview. The Statement of Substance of the Interview is as follows:

During the interview independent claim 1 was discussed in view of the prior art of record. The Examiner appeared to agree that amended claim 1 overcomes the rejection of record and is subject to further consideration and/or search. The Examiner further indicated that claims 17 and 18 overcome the cited portions of the prior art cited in the Office Action but require further search. With respect to claim 20, the Examiner suggested that Applicant further amend the claim to clarify the claimed features. In view of the foregoing, Applicant has now amended the claim and respectfully submits that claim 20 is patentable for at least additional unique features set forth therein.

The Examiner further agreed to contact Applicant's Representatives if the rejections are to be maintained prior to issuing next Office Action.


Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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